

Specialty Vendor Drug Facts and Information

The Geisinger Health Plan is taking steps to improve access, and control costs by constantly updating the Specialty Vendor Drug Program. Through a collaborative agreement with select Specialty Pharmacy Vendors, the Health Plan is able to purchase certain medications at discounted rates and pass the savings on to Members, Employers and Participating Physicians.

The Specialty Vendor Drug Program allows Participating Physicians two options: 1.) continue to "buy and bill" certain medications as usual at contracted rates, or 2.) utilize the Specialty Vendor Drug Program. Utilization of this program eliminates the need for the provider to purchase these drugs, thereby reducing out-of-pocket expenses as well as eliminating the need for submission of medication claims to the Health Plan.

Facts about the Specialty Pharmacy Drug Program Documents

- Use of the Specialty Pharmacy Drug Program is mandated for our Commercial members. Medicare Part D members are not mandated to use the Specialty Pharmacy Drug Program, but they may elect to do so. Medicare Part D members are not limited to specific specialty pharmacies, unless the manufacturer limits access to a medication through a specialty pharmacy. Medicare eligible Part B medications which are not bought and billed by a physician are not eligible for Part B coverage.
- The medications included in the Vendor Program are listed in the table via the following link ([see table](#)). This table will be updated as new medications are added, or additional changes are made.
- Prescribing physicians must obtain prior authorization, when applicable ([see table](#)), and fax a completed [Specialty Vendor Drug Request Form](#) to the health plan. This allows for the physician and/or the member to acquire medications through the Specialty Vendor Drug Program.
- Upon request for prior authorization and/or the receipt of a completed Specialty Vendor Drug Request Form, the Health Plan will verify member eligibility and perform authorization review, if required. The Health Plan will notify the prescribing physicians of the approval or denial within applicable regulatory time frames.
- The Health Plan will reimburse the Pharmacy Vendor directly for the medication distributed by the Pharmacy Vendor. Participating Providers will not be reimbursed for medications obtained through the Pharmacy Vendor.
- Medication requests will be shipped according to the prescribing physician's instructions. Please allow time for prior authorization, when applicable, as well as four (4) Business Days for delivery.

Note:

- Certain medications are required to be obtained through the Specialty Vendor Drug Program.
- Approved Specialty Vendor Drug Request Forms received before 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday will be forwarded to the appropriate Pharmacy Vendor that day.
- Each Pharmacy Vendor ensures drug delivery to the location specified on the form within four (4) Business Days.
- Do not contact the Pharmacy Vendor directly to request medication included in this program.
- If the prescription indicated refills, the Pharmacy Vendor will coordinate refill delivery before the member runs out of medication.
- ***This list is subject to change.***